

**CHAPTER NO. 574**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2781**

**By Ketron, Tracy**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2674**

**By Montgomery, Baird**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504, relative to teachers' tenure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(d) A teacher who has attained tenure status in a school system and later resigns from the system shall serve a one-year probationary period upon reemployment by the system, unless the probationary period is waived by the board of education upon request of the director of schools. Upon completion of the one-year probationary period, the teacher shall be eligible for tenure and shall be either recommended by the director of schools for tenure or non-renewed; provided, however, that the teacher cannot be continued in employment if tenure is not granted by the board of education.


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following:

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, upon the completion of the statutory probationary period, any teacher eligible for tenure status shall be either recommended by the director of schools for tenure or non-renewed; provided, however, that the teacher cannot be continued in employment if tenure is not granted by the board of education.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 19, 2006**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR